

September 18, 2008

Mr. Howard Hime
Chief, Office of Standards Evaluation and Development
U.S. Coast Guard
2100 Second Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20593-0001

Re: Comments on the U.S. Coast Guard Rulemaking for Dry Cargo Residue Discharges in the Great Lakes Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), No. 20080323

Dear Mr. Hime:

In accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has reviewed the U.S. Coast Guard Rulemaking for Dry Cargo Residue Discharges in the Great Lakes Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and the associated Notice of Proposed Rulemaking dated May 28, 2008.

U.S. EPA, as a cooperating agency, assisted the Coast Guard with defining the purpose and need of the project, determining the range of alternatives, and scoping the environmental analysis documented in the DEIS. We provided comments on the DEIS in a letter dated July 21, 2008. We rated the DEIS as "LO" (Lack of Objections).

We reviewed the FEIS, including changes made to the text, comments received from the public, and other agencies, and the Coast Guard's responses to those comments. Based on our review of this information, we have no new comments to offer.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the FEIS for this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (312) 886-2910. The staff person assigned to this project is Sherry Kamke; she can be reached at (312) 353-5794 or via email at kamke.sherry@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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